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Cairns Show **DREW**
Wine Awards

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Results Catalogue*

About the Awards

Welcome

The Inaugural Cairns Show Wine Awards held by the Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining Association took place in 1992 and has been held annually since that date. This year we are proud to announce it will be our 32nd Wine Awards Anniversary.

The Cairns Show Wine Awards presented by the Cairns Show Association and Regional Insurance Brokers, has become a feature on the Australian Wine Industry Calendar in June each year.

The Awards which focus attention on wine style, appropriate foods, and wine quality, are especially important in the Far North of Australia with its strong tourism and hospitality industry. Absolute insistence upon internationally recognised judging criteria and highly trained judges has brought credibility to the Cairns event. The credibility of the event, recognised nationally within the industry is highlighted by the calibre of judges attracted to the event.

The Wine Awards seek to constantly improve. Recently we introduced awards for Rosé and Natural Wine categories. We have a strong system to bring Cairns' locals with wine knowledge through the system from Steward to Associate Judges and then Judge.

We hope you enjoy the 2024 Cairns Show Wine Awards!

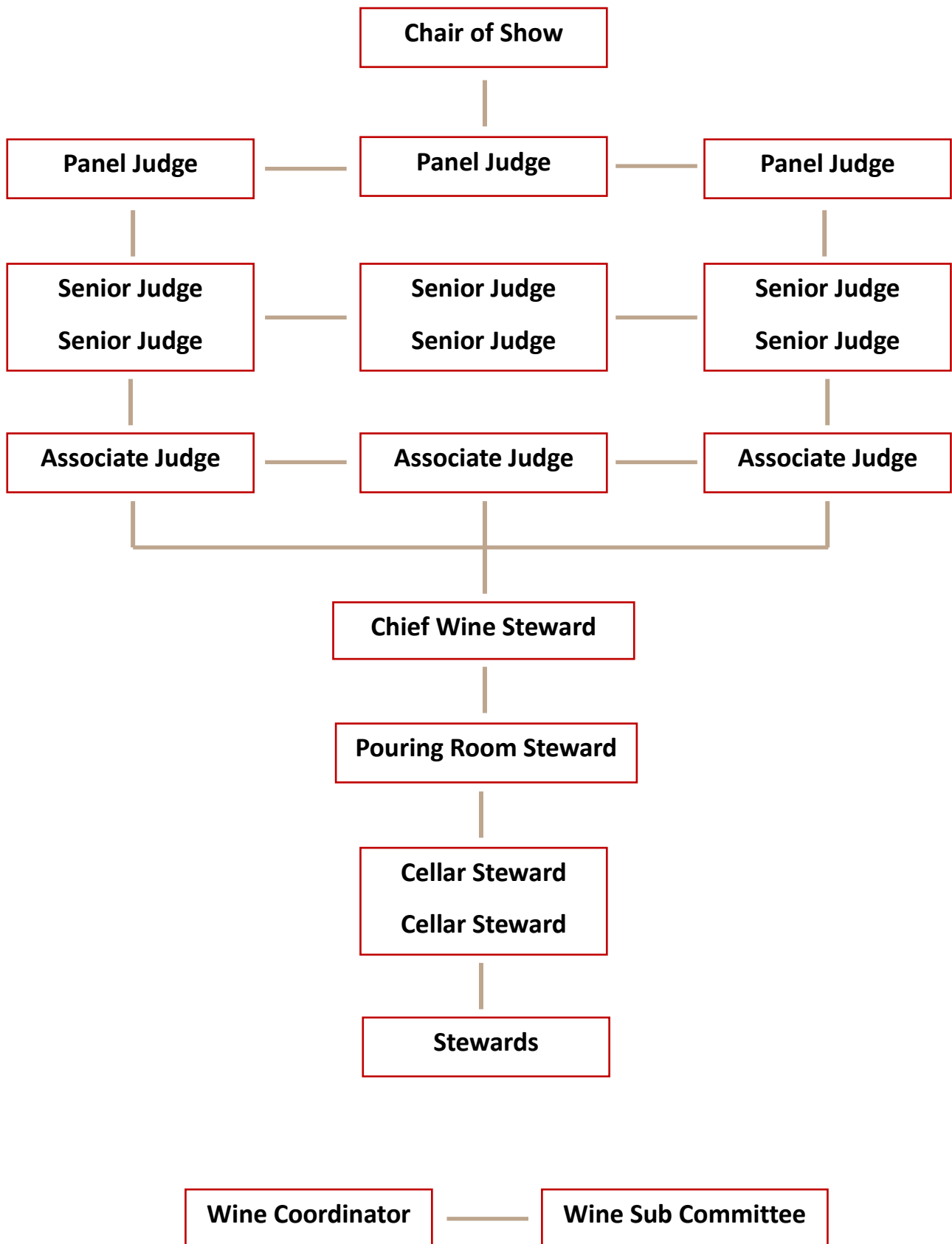
The Annual Cairns Show Wine Awards presented by the Cairns Show Association and Regional Insurance Brokers is unique in many aspects, and a highly recognised event on the Australian Wine Calendar.



Mr. Ian Allen

President - Cairns Show Association

Officials Structure



Wine Officials



Chair of Show: Mr. Andrew Corrigan MW

Andrew Corrigan is one of only 416 Masters of Wine in the world and is part owner of Hidden Creek Winery and Catalyst. He has consulted on several award-winning wine lists and is known as an excellent wine educator.

Andrew presents regularly in Australia as well as at international seminars for Masters of Wine.



Panel Judge: Mr. Hamish Seabrook

Hamish Seabrook has a degree in Oenology and is an Australian Winemaker, and Director of Seabrook Wines.

In 2004, Hamish was awarded Dux of the prestigious Len Evans Tutorial. He has been associated with the Cairns Show Wine Awards since 2013.



Panel Judge: Ms. Brooke Blair

Brooke Blair has a degree in Oenology and is an Australian Winemaker at Peter Lehmann Wines.

Prior to being a Winemaker, Brooke worked at Hollick Wines in Coonawarra, Australia, before relocating to Canada. In Canada, she spent 11 years working at the Jackson Triggs Okanagan Estate in British Columbia.



Panel Judge: Mr. Ben Wilcox

Ben Wilcox has a Bachelor of Wine Science from Charles Sturt University and is a White Wine Winemaker at d'Arenberg in South Australia.

2024 was Ben's first-time participating in the Cairns Show Wine Awards, and his expertise on White Wine was greatly appreciated.

Wine Officials

Senior Judges:

Mr. BJ Foley – Beer & Wine Food Critic.
Ms. Lorraine Evans – Qualified Wine Steward.
Ms. Hayley Wano – Sommelier.
Mr. Chris Ford – Wine Educator.
Mr. Mark Snow – Wine Educator.
Mr. Kenji Izukura – DipWSET Level 4 Diploma, Gathered Wine.

Associate Judges:

Ms. Brooke Edson – Australian Vintage, Tempus Two Winemaker.
Mr. Ethan Frawley – WSET Level 2.
Ms. Iliana Dmitrieva – WSET Level 2.



Chief Wine Steward: Mr. Mark Faber

Mark Faber boasts a rich background in the alcohol industry. Starting at a fine wine store during his Psychology degree, he later gained WSET Level 3 certification in London before delving into e-commerce wine companies for a decade.

His involvement in wine stewardship includes prestigious events like the 6 Nations of Wine and NSW Sparkling Wine Awards.

Wine Coordinator:

Miss. Amy Jones – Cairns Show Association.

Pouring Room Steward:

Mr. Ian Richards.

Cellar Stewards:

Mrs. Carol Allen – Cairns Show Association
Ms. Trish Young – Cairns Show Association

Stewards:

Mr. Mal O'Hara.
Ms. Adrienne Paget.
Mr. Bernard Mason.
Mrs. Lynette Mason.
Mr. Doug Jones.
Mrs. Karynne Wighton.

Thank You!

We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Wine Officials of the Cairns Show Wine Awards for their unwavering dedication and expertise in presenting an exceptional event in 2024. Their hard work and commitment have ensured the success of this prestigious competition. We would also like to thank the Wineries that submitted their remarkable wines for judgement. Your participation has enriched the competition and contributed to its outstanding quality. Thank you for sharing your exceptional creations.

Award Trophies

Best Wine of Provenance in Show

Not awarded

FNQ Roar Media

Best Designed Label in Show

De Bortoli, Ti Amo Fiano, Fiano 2023

Therese Plath Ray White South

Best QLD White Wine in Show

Ballandean Estate, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc 2024

Ochre Restaurant

Best QLD Red Wine in Show

Nuova Scuola, Tempranillo Rosato 2024

ADS Injection

Best Organic / Bio-Dynamic / Natural Wine in Show

De Bortoli, Organic Chardonnay, Chardonnay 2023

Norlift

Best Rosé Wine in Show

Nuova Scuola, Tempranillo Rosato 2024

AAB Equipment

Best Chardonnay Wine in Show

Loom Wine, Loom SV, Chardonnay 2021

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Best Cabernet Sauvignon Wine in Show

Reschke, Rufus the Bull, Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Stay Cairns Northern Beaches

Best Shiraz Wine in Show

Seabrook Wines, The Merchant, Shiraz 2021

Award Trophies

Rodney & Naomi Stewart Water Truck

Best Dessert Wine in Show

Sacred Hill, Moscato, White Fronti/Gordo 2023

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Best Fortified Wine in Show

De Bortoli, Eight Year Old Fine Tawny, Non-Varietal NV

James Coll

Best Sparkling Wine in Show

De Bortoli, King Valley Prosecco Rosé, Prosecco/Pinot Noir NV

Edge Hill Accountancy

Best Pinot Noir Wine in Show

Reschke, R-Series, Pinot Noir 2023

The Andrew Corrigan (Perpetual) Sponsored by Bromfield Swamp

Best Wine for Enjoyment in the Tropics

Schild Estate, Estate, Riesling 2023

Cairns Dental Anaesthetic

Champion White Wine in Show

Schild Estate, Estate, Riesling 2023

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Champion Red Wine in Show

Reschke, R-Series, Pinot Noir 2023

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Champion Wine in Show

Schild Estate, Estate, Riesling 2023

Category One – Sparkling Wine

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
1.1	264	Ovation	Ovation Adelaide Hills Brut Cuvee	Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Meunier	NV	88	B
1.1	49	Coolangatta Estate	CJB Sparkling Chardonnay	Chardonnay	2017	91	S
1.1	211	Sacred Hill	Brut	Chardonnay/Pinot Noir	NV	90	S
1.1	14	SOUTH POINT ESTATE	SOUTH POINT ESTATE CHARDONNAY PINOT NOIR	Chardonnay Pinot Noir	NV	87	B
1.1	235	PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	P SERIES	Chardonnay Pinot Noir	NV	87	B

A solid class with all wines receiving a medal. Some wines showed great complexity and balance. They also showed great length and persistence.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
1.2	253	De Bortoli	King Valley Prosecco	Prosecco	NV	93	S
1.2	248	De Bortoli	King Valley Prosecco Rose	Prosecco/Pinot Noir	NV	95	G
1.2	112	Dem Bones	Bone Dry	Prosecco	NV	88	B

A fantastic class and a memorale representation of Prosecco. Fruit forward and intense on the nose, great sugar/acid balance and persistence.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
1.5	200	De Bortoli	Petite Moscato	Muscat Petit Grains	NV	92	S
1.5	226	Emeri	Pink Moscato	White Fronti/Muscat Gordo/Shiraz	NV	86	B

Two solid Moscato's. The best wine being quite complex on the nose, great fruit expression and lovely fizz. The palete was also creamy and persistent.



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Category Two – White Wine – Fragrant & Aromatic Wines

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
2.1	307	Millon Wines	The Impressionist	Riesling	2023	87	B
2.1	310	Millon Wines	Estate	Riesling	2023	88	B
2.1	255	Winton Road	Winton Road Riesling	Riesling	2023	85	NA
2.1	92	Coolangatta Estate	Winsome Riesling	Riesling	2018	88	B
2.1	32	Coolangatta Estate	Winsome Riesling	Riesling	2017	93	S
2.1	28	FREYA & JULES	FREYA & JULES RIESLING	RIESLING	2023	93	S
2.1	237	PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	BLOCK 5 AGED	RIESLING	2016	86	B
2.1	81	Ridgemill Estate	Riesling	Riesling	2023	84	NA
2.1	106	Schild Estate	Estate	Riesling	2023	96	TG
2.1	169	Ulithorne	Altus	Riesling	2023	95	G

What an amazing class of wines to judge. Great to see such fresh vibrant and well made wines. Older wines in this class were amazing, and show how well this variety ages. Wines were awarded Top Medals for elegance, balance, and persistence.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
2.2	36	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Gewürtraminer	Gewürtraminer	2023	94	S

The Gewürtraminer was pure turkish delight. Clean, bright, very aromatic with a lovely texture. A great wine for the Tropics.



Category Three – White Wine – Light to Medium Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
3.1	47	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label	Chardonnay	2023	88	B
3.1	256	Grape and Vine	Grape and Vine Chardonnay 750mL	Chardonnay	2022	84	NA
3.1	18	A.C. BYRNE & CO.	A.C. BYRNE & CO. CHARDONNAY	Chardonnay	2023	86	B
3.1	309	Millon Wines	The Impressionist	Chardonnay	2023	86	B
3.1	318	Millon Wines	Estate	Chardonnay	2023	86	B
3.1	10	Berton Vineyards	Foundstone	Unoaked Chardonnay	2023	89	B
3.1	159	Reschke	R-Series	Chardonnay	2023	92	S
3.1	141	Stonehaven	Stepping Stone	Chardonnay	2023	84	NA

This class was filled with easy drinking, fruit forward examples. Perfect in this climate.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
3.2	265	Beyond the Wilderness	Beyond the Wilderness Sauvignon Blanc 750mL	Sauvignon Blanc	2022	84	NA
3.2	262	Grape and Vine	Grape and Vine Sauvignon Blanc 750mL	Sauvignon Blanc	2023	84	NA
3.2	291	Sacred Hill		Semillon Sauvignon Blanc	2023	91	S
3.2	129	TOBIN WINES	CHARLOTTE SAUVIGNON BLANC	SAUVIGNON BLANC	2023	84	NA
3.2	207	Talinga Park		Sauvignon Blanc	2024	96	TG
3.2	303	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label	Sauvignon Blanc	2024	84	NA
3.2	178	Cape Barren	Native Goose	Sauvignon Blanc	2023	82	NA
3.2	294	DBWS	Sauvignon Blanc	Sauv Blanc	2023	86	B
3.2	249	Deen De Bortoli	Sauvignon Blanc	Sauv Blanc	2023	86	B
3.2	239	Patrick of Coonawarra	P SERIES	Sauvignon Blanc	2023	89	B
3.2	172	Reschke	Bull Trader	Sauvignon Blanc	2023	83	NA
3.2	136	Reschke	R-Series	Sauvignon Blanc	2024	93	S
3.2	70	Sidewood Estate	Sidewood Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Sauvignon Blanc	2024	95	G
3.2	33	South Point Estate	South Point Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Sauvignon Blanc	2023	89	B
3.2	147	Toorak Wines	Toorak Road	Sauvignon Blanc	2023	83	NA
3.2	39	Tynan Wines	Sauvignon Blanc	Sauvignon Blanc	2023	92	S
3.2	111	Dem Bones	Bone Dry	Sauvignon Blanc	2023	93	S
3.2	164	Schoolhouse	Headmaster	Sauvignon Blanc	2023	81	NA
3.2	161	Stonehaven	Stepping Stone	Sauvignon Blanc	2024	92	S

A diverse class with riper and herbaceous style wine. A good balance with loud aromatics, and fruit intergration were awarded.

Category Three – White Wine – Light to Medium Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
3.3	194	Audrey Wilkinson	The Ridge	Semillon	2024	90	S
3.3	201	Audrey Wilkinson	Winemakers Selection	Semillon	2024	96	TG
3.3	277	Audrey Wilkinson	Audrey Wilkinson	Semillon	2024	88	B
3.3	91	Coolangatta Estate	Wollstonecraft Semillon	Semillon	2018	87	B
3.3	121	Coolangatta Estate	Semillon	Semillon	2018	92	S
3.3	195	Coolangatta Estate	Wollstonecraft Semillon	Semillon	2017	94	S
3.3	198	Coolangatta Estate	Semillon	Semillon	2017	91	S
3.3	196	Pooles Rock	Premiere	Semillon	2024	89	B
3.3	82	Ridgemill Estate	Semillon Dry White	Semillon	2023	81	NA

A very enjoyable class to judge, great examples of true fresh class of younger Semillons and true complex honey and toasting of ages wines. Quality was high with enjoyable discussion around the judging table.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
3.4	244	Moffatdale Ridge	Verdelho	Verdelho	2023	84	NA
3.4	290	Moffatdale Ridge	Verdelho	Verdelho	2024	91	S
3.4	131	Nuova Scuola	N/A	Verdelho	2024	88	B
3.4	16	Old Inn Road	Old Inn Road Verdelho	Verdelho	2024	87	B
3.4	83	Ridgemill Estate	Verdelho	Verdelho	2023	87	B
3.4	42	Tynan Wines	Verdelho	Verdelho	2023	86	B

Some very pleasant wines, with a variety of good fruit characters along with balance and restraint.



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Category Three – White Wine – Light to Medium Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
3.5	267	Beyond the Wilderness	Beyond the Wilderness Sauvignon Blanc 750mL	Pinot Gris	2023	86	B
3.5	308	Millon Wines	The Impressionist	Pinot Grigio	2023	87	B
3.5	319	Millon Wines	Estate	Pinot Gris	2023	87	B
3.5	199	Audrey Wilkinson	Audrey Wilkinson	Pinot Grigio	2023	84	NA
3.5	48	Berton Vineyards	Outback Jack	Pinot Grigio	2024	95	TG
3.5	8	Berton Vineyards	Foundstone	Pinot Grigio	2024	88	B
3.5	304	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label	Pinot Grigio	2024	83	NA
3.5	295	DBWS	Pinot Grigio	Pinot Grigio	2023	84	NA
3.5	213	De Bortoli	Blue Gris	Pinot Grigio	2023	86	B
3.5	151	Dem Bones	Bone Dry	Pinot Gris	2023	84	NA
3.5	273	Nugan Estate	Frascas Lane Vineyard, King Valley	Pinot Grigio	2024	84	NA
3.5	232	Nugan Estate	Annelise	Pinot Grigio	2024	92	S
3.5	118	Reschke	R-Series	Pinot Gris	2024	82	NA
3.5	165	Schoolhouse	Headmaster	Pinot Gris	2023	84	NA
3.5	133	Seabrook Wines	Lineage	Pinot Grigio	2024	91	S
3.5	13	SOUTH POINT ESTATE	SOUTH POINT ESTATE PINOT GRIGIO	Pinot Grigio	2023	86	B
3.5	162	Stonehaven	Stepping Stone	Pinot Gris	2024	90	S
3.5	15	THE POND	THE POND PINOT GRIGIO	Pinot Grigio	2022	86	B
3.5	40	Tynan Wines	Pinot Grigio	Pinot Grigio	2022	84	NA

A diverse class of flavours and textures with these wines again balance and density of flavours have been rewarded.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
3.6	192	Ballandean Estate	Wild Ferment Viognier	Viognier	2023	88	B
3.6	9	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label	Viognier	2023	87	B
3.6	132	Nuova Scuola	N/A	Viognier	2024	92	S

A good class with a range of different styles. The best wine showed good intensity of varietal viognier characters, a textural palate and long finish.

Category Three – White Wine – Light to Medium Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
3.7	11	Berton Vineyards	Alfresco Range	Vermentino	2023	86	B
3.7	95	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label	Vermentino	2023	92	S
3.7	222	De Bortoli	Ti Amo Fiano	Fiano	2023	88	B
3.7	86	Ridgemill Estate	La Nina Albarino	Albarino	2023	86	B

A small class with high quality examples. Plenty of interest and points of difference, fun to judge.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
3.8	247	Moffatdale Ridge	Semillon, Sauv Blanc	Semillon, Sauv Blanc	2024	87	B
3.8	117	TOBIN WINES	ISABELLA SEMILLON	SEMILLON	2023	84	NA
3.8	191	Ballandean Estate	Semillon Sauvignon Blanc	Semillon & Sauvignon Blanc	2024	96	TG
3.8	53	Castelli Estate	Silver Series Sauvignon Blanc Semillon	82% SB, 18% Semillon	2023	84	NA
3.8	233	Cookoothama		Sauvignon Blanc Semillon	2024	93	S

An aromatic and complex small group, with some wonderful examples that confirms this blend as a classic.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
3.9	280	Rutherglen Estate	Shelley's Block	Marsanne Vioginer Roussane	2022	88	B
3.9	176	Ulithorne	Dona Blanc	Chardonnay Viognier	2023	84	NA

The best wine was creamy and textural with notes of melon. Any enjoyable wine showing good use of lees work.



Category Four – White Wine – Dry Full Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
4.1	202	Audrey Wilkinson	The Ridge	Semillon	2017	90	S
4.1	203	Coolangatta Estate	Wollstonecraft Semillon	Semillon	2016	89	B
4.1	29	Coolangatta Estate	Semillon	Semillon	2016	95	G

Overall a great class with the wines showing great youth for their age. Some lovely development as well and well balanced wines. A pleasant surprise.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
4.2	89	Loom Wine	Loom SV	Chardonnay	2021	97	TG
4.2	119	TOBIN WINES	LILY CHARDONNAY	Chardonnay	2023	86	B
4.2	7	Allegiance Wines	The Matron Tumberumba	Chardonnay	2023	85	NA
4.2	44	Allegiance Wines	Cox Family Wines Hunter Valley	Chardonnay	2022	88	B
4.2	35	Berton Vineyards	Reserve	Chardonnay	2023	84	NA
4.2	51	Castelli Estate	Silver Series Chardonnay	100% Chardonnay	2023	86	B
4.2	61	Castelli Estate	Estate Chardonnay	100% Chardonnay	2023	91	S
4.2	283	DBWS	Chardonnay	Chardonnay	2023	86	B
4.2	212	Deen De Bortoli	Chardonnay	Chardonnay	2022	92	S
4.2	110	Dem Bones	T-Bone	Chardonnay	2023	90	S
4.2	101	Kings of Kangaroo Ground	Hilda May Chardonnay	Chardonnay	2021	83	NA
4.2	206	Nugan Estate	Frascas Lane Vineyard, King Valley	Chardonnay	2023	84	NA
4.2	197	Pooles Rock	Premiere	Chardonnay	2022	96	G
4.2	292	Regional Classic	Tumberumba Chardonnay	Chardonnay	2021	85	NA
4.2	87	Ridgemill Estate	WYP Chardonnay	Chardonnay	2023	89	B
4.2	272	Sacred Hill	Chardonnay	Chardonnay	2023	86	B
4.2	163	Schoolhouse	Headmaster	Chardonnay	2023	87	B
4.2	71	Sidewood Estate	Sidewood Estate Chardonnay	Chardonnay	2023	90	S
4.2	134	Stonehaven	Limited Vineyard Release	Chardonnay	2023	85	NA
4.2	298	Talinga Park		Chardonnay	2023	87	B
4.2	149	Toorak Wines	Toorak Road	Chardonnay	2021	95	G
4.2	182	Ulithorne	Altus	Chardonnay	2021	88	B
4.2	60	WALTER WINES	FEDERATION HILL	CHARDONNAY	2022	84	NA

A diverse class with some wines showing great length and persistence. Others with clever reductive work and lastly, some showing classic Aussie chord characters. An enjoyable class showing the diversity of Chardonnay.

Category Four – White Wine – Dry Full Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
4.3	234	De Bortoli	Organic Chardonnay	Chardonnay	2023	90	S

Solid organic Chardy, clean and fresh, with hints of pear and blossoms. Well made.



Therese Plath, selling principal of Ray White Cairns South in Edmonton, is a local with over 33 years of unmatched success in real estate. She excels in selling properties across all price ranges in Cairns and beyond. Therese attributes her success to effective marketing, using customized strategies, cutting-edge technology, and targeted mailings. Her strong client referrals reflect her commitment to both Ray White and her clients.

Category Five – Rosé & Light Red Wines

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
5.1	259	James Busby	James Busby Margaret River Rose 750mL	Rose	2023	86	B
5.1	312	Millon Wines	Clare's Secret	Rosé	2023	88	B
5.1	246	Moffatdale Ridge	Rosé	Cabernet Sauvignon	2024	90	S
5.1	261	Winton Road	Winton Road Barossa Valley Rose 750mL	Rosé	2023	89	B
5.1	190	Ballandean Estate	Rose	Shiraz/Cabernet Franc	2024	88	B
5.1	34	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label	Rosé	2023	88	B
5.1	183	Cape Barren	Native Goose	Rosé	2023	89	B
5.1	50	Castelli Estate	The SUM Rosé	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Shiraz, 2% Pinot Gris	2023	88	B
5.1	217	De Bortoli	Rose Rose	Sangiovese/Merlot/Shiraz	2023	89	B
5.1	154	Dem Bones	Bone Dry	Rosé	2024	87	B
5.1	130	Nuova Scuola	N/A	Tempranillo / Rosato	2024	95	TG
5.1	238	PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	P SERIES	ROSÈ	2023	84	NA
5.1	69	Sidewood Estate	Sidewood Estate The Mad Cat Rose	Shiraz	2024	88	B
5.1	124	Sieber Wines	Abigail Rose	Shiraz	2024	83	NA
5.1	140	Stonehaven	Stepping Stone	Rosé	2023	90	S
5.1	175	Ulithorne	Epoch	Rosé	2023	86	B
5.1	260	De Bortoli	Sacred Hill	Rosé	2024		

There was a lot of 'good' in this panel. Quite an array of style and varietals. A few standout examples, but great consistency throughout the category.

Category Six – Pinot Noir

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
6.1	103	Five O'Clock Somewhere	The 50S Project	Pinot Noir	2022	87	B
6.1	257	James Busby	James Busby Vineyard Series Pinot Noir	Pinot Noir	2023	91	S
6.1	269	James Busby	James Busby Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 750mL	Pinot Noir	2022	87	B
6.1	73	Loom Wine	Loom Long Yarn	Pinot Noir	2022	89	B
6.1	315	Millon Wines	The Impressionist	Pinot Noir	2022	87	B
6.1	268	Sandy Bay	Sandy Bay Estate Pinot Noir	Pinot Noir	2023	95	G
6.1	45	Allegiance Wines	Cox Family Wines Yarra Valley	Pinot Noir	2023	86	B
6.1	52	Castelli Estate	Silver Series Pinot Noir	100% Pinot Noir	2023	90	S
6.1	219	De Bortoli	Pinot Pinot Noir	Pinot Noir	2023	91	S
6.1	153	Dem Bones	T-Bone	Pinot Noir	2022	84	NA
6.1	100	Kings of Kangaroo Ground	Thirteen31 Pinot Noir	Pinot Noir	2022	93	S
6.1	158	Reschke	R-Series	Pinot Noir	2023	96	TG
6.1	142	Stonehaven	Stepping Stone	Pinot Noir	2023	84	NA
6.1	208	Talinga Park		Pinot Noir	2023	95	G
6.1	145	Toorak Wines	Toorak Road	Pinot Noir	2022	86	B
6.1	21	TRULY WILDLY	TRULY WILDLY PINOT NOIR	Pinot Noir	2022	86	B

A fantastic class to judge. Some conjecture and lively discussion, it was a pleasure to judge. Some solid silvers and three golds, all of which were different styles. Great complexity with whole bunch work, great fruit expression and silky tannins. We tasted the top wines a number of times before a top gold was awarded.



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Category Seven – Red Wine – Medium Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
7.1	90	Crowded Hour	Crowded Hour	Shiraz	2021	86	B
7.1	56	d'Arenberg	d'Arenberg Thunderstep Shiraz	Shiraz	2020	83	NA
7.1	4	Elderton		Shiraz	2021	86	B
7.1	66	Grampians Estate	Mafeking	Shiraz	2023	83	NA
7.1	63	Grampians Estate	Steeton Reserve	Shiraz	2022	83	NA
7.1	300	Harcourt Valley Vineyards	Barbara's Shiraz	Shiraz	2023	83	NA
7.1	1	Irvine	Irvine Estate Ruth's Block Barossa Valley Shiraz	Shiraz	2021	91	S
7.1	293	James Busby	James Busby Vineyard Series Shiraz	Shiraz	2021	83	NA
7.1	75	Loom Wine	Loom Long Yarn	Shiraz	2022	87	B
7.1	96	Loom Wine	Loom SV	Shiraz	2018	84	NA
7.1	311	Millon Wines	Estate	Shiraz	2022	96	TG
7.1	317	Millon Wines	The Impressionist	Shiraz	2022	88	B
7.1	313	Millon Wines	Clare's Secret	Shiraz	2022	82	NA
7.1	3	Redman	Redman Bill & Arthur Coonawarra Shiraz	Shiraz	2022	86	B
7.1	79	Rosenvale Vineyards	ANGASTON ROAD	Shiraz	2021	95	S
7.1	65	Rosenvale Vineyards	OVR	Shiraz	2021	89	B
7.1	30	Rosenzweig	SEVENTH	Shiraz	2021	87	B
7.1	37	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Shiraz	Shiraz	2022	88	B
7.1	80	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Shiraz	Shiraz	2022	84	NA
7.1	54	Tyrrell's	Tyrrell's Blacksmith's Hut Heathcote Shiraz	Shiraz	2021	83	NA
7.1	258	Winton Road	Winton Road 'Cellar Selection' Barossa Valley Shiraz 750mL	Shiraz	2020	84	NA
7.1	93	Allegiance Wines	The Artisan Reserve McLaren Vale	Shiraz	2022	84	NA
7.1	43	Allegiance Wines	Cox Family Wines Barossa Valley	Shiraz	2021	84	NA
7.1	98	Allegiance Wines	The Artisan McLaren Vale	Shiraz	2023	86	B
7.1	102	Allegiance Wines	The Tiger McLaren Vale	Shiraz	2023	84	NA
7.1	193	Ballandean Estate	Shiraz Viognier	Shiraz/Viognier	2023	86	B

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CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
7.1	305	Berton Vineyards	Reserve	Shiraz	2020	83	NA
7.1	74	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label	Black Shiraz	2022	83	NA
7.1	306	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label Limited Release	Shiraz	2021	96	G
7.1	46	Berton Vineyards	Winemakers Reserve	Shiraz	2022	83	NA
7.1	27	BLACKSTONE PADDOCK	BLACKSTONE PADDOCK "THE PLAYER" SHIRAZ	SHIRAZ	2022	86	B
7.1	20	BLACKSTONE PADDOCK	BLACKSTONE PADDOCK SHIRAZ	SHIRAZ	2021	90	S
7.1	68	Burk Salter Wines	Moorunde Reserve Shiraz	Shiraz	2022	83	NA
7.1	155	Cape Barren	Rare Bird	Shiraz	2019	83	NA
7.1	145	Cape Barren	Old Vine	Shiraz	2019	92	S
7.1	204	Cape Barren	Native Goose	Shiraz	2021	86	B
7.1	184	Cape Barren	Wild Goose	Shiraz	2021	84	NA
7.1	109	Cape Barren	Old Coach Block	Shiraz	2019	84	NA
7.1	188	Cape Barren	The Vale	Shiraz	2018	86	B
7.1	209	Cookoothama		Shiraz	2022	84	NA
7.1	227	DBWS	Shiraz	Shiraz	2022	88	B
7.1	297	Deen De Bortoli	Shiraz	Shiraz	2019	83	NA
7.1	170	Dem Bones	T-Bone	Shiraz	2021	91	S
7.1	99	Kings of Kangaroo Ground	Avondale Shiraz	Shiraz	2021	84	NA
7.1	23	Land of The Vines	Land of The Vines James Alfred Reserve Shiraz	Shiraz	2021	83	NA
7.1	241	Nugan Estate	McLaren Parish Vineyard, McLaren Vale	Shiraz	2022	84	NA
7.1	282	Nugan Estate	Talinga Park	Shiraz	2022	83	NA
7.1	25	ONE ROAD	ONE ROAD SHIRAZ	SHIRAZ	2021	88	B
7.1	240	PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	P SERIES	SHIRAZ	2017	82	NA
7.1	274	PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	JOANNA	SHIRAZ	2018	83	NA
7.1	135	Reschke	R-Series	Shiraz	2021	87	B
7.1	174	Reschke	Vitulus	Shiraz	2021	86	B
7.1	152	Reschke	Reschke	Shiraz	2020	83	NA
7.1	224	Rutherglen Estate	Shiraz	Shiraz	2022		
7.1	285	Sacred Hill	Shiraz	Shiraz	2022	86	B
7.1	144	Schild Estate	Ben Schild	Shiraz	2021	86	B
7.1	166	Schild Estate	Estate	Shiraz	2022	91	S

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CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
7.1	116	Schild Estate	Moorooroo	Shiraz	2021	84	NA
7.1	137	Schoolhouse	Schoolhouse	Shiraz	2020	84	NA
7.1	107	Schoolhouse	Block A2	Shiraz	2021	86	B
7.1	146	Schoolhouse	Headmaster	Shiraz	2021	95	G
7.1	187	Seabrook Wines	Lineage	Shiraz	2022	88	B
7.1	143	Seabrook Wines	The Merchant	Shiraz	2021	96	TG
7.1	123	Sieber Wines	Ernest Shiraz	Shiraz	2022	84	NA
7.1	160	Stonehaven	Stepping Stone	Shiraz	2021	86	B
7.1	22	TRULY WILDLY	TRULY WILDLY PREMIUM BODIED SHIRAZ	SHIRAZ	2022	84	NA
7.1	41	Tynan Wines	Shiraz	Shiraz	2021	83	NA
7.1	177	Ulithorne	Paternus	Shiraz	2020	87	B
7.1	181	Ulithorne	Prospera	Shiraz	2021	86	B
7.1	58	WALTER WINES	FEDERATION HILL	SHIRAZ	2022	83	NA
7.1	286	Woodfired	Shiraz	Shiraz	2022	83	NA

A very impressive line-up of classic Shiraz. The styles range from cool climate, to spicy and elegant to warm climate and concentrated Top Wines awarded for balance, varietal expression, and concentration of flavour. Some wines held off an award for lacking fruit balance. Many well made commercial wines. Interesting to note that there were many 2021 and 2020 wines in the line-up. This perhaps showcases the ability of Shiraz to hold its age well and exposes the more complex characters of Shiraz.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
7.2	266	Beyond the Wilderness	Beyond the Wilderness Pinot Gris 750mL	Pinot Gris Grenache	2023	85	NA
7.2	88	Five O'Clock Somewhere	The 50S Project	Grenache	2022	87	B
7.2	72	Five O'Clock Somewhere	The 50S Project	Montepulciano	2021	89	B
7.2	24	Land of The Vines	Land of The Vines Bushvine Grenache	Grenache	2022	87	B
7.2	189	Loom Wine	Loom SVX	Grenache	2021	86	B
7.2	314	Millon Wines	Clare's Secret	Grenache	2023	84	NA
7.2	31	Rosenvale Vineyards	VINE VALE ROAD	Grenache	2022	87	B
7.2	231	Nugan Estate	Carver Vineyard, Riverina	Touriga	2023	91	S
7.2	85	Ridgemill Estate	Montepulciano	Montepulciano	2022	89	B
7.2	114	Schild Estate	Edgar Schild	Grenache	2021	86	B
7.2	122	Sieber Wines	Grenache	Grenache	2023	93	S
7.2	180	Ulithorne	Meracus	Grenache	2020	89	B
7.2	216	Woodfired	Grenache	Grenache	2021	95	G

The Top Wine showed great varietal character and depth. Some solid wines but was hoping for more wines with greater complexity and intensity.

Category Seven – Red Wine – Medium Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
7.3	55	Coriole	Coriole Estate Clark Hill McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz	Cabernet Shiraz	2021	87	B
7.3	302	Harcourt Valley Vineyards	Claret	Cab Sauv/Shiraz	2021	89	B
7.3	5	Knappstein	Knappstein Spring Farm Clare Valley Shiraz Cabernet	Shiraz Cabernet	2020	84	NA
7.3	2	Pikes	Pikes Wilfred's Block Clare Valley Cabernet Shiraz	Cabernet Shiraz	2021	86	B
7.3	229	Sacred Hill	Shiraz Cabernet	Shiraz/Cab Sauv	2022	89	B
7.3	127	Schild Estate	Narrow Road	Shiraz Cabernet	2021	91	S
7.3	156	Ulithorne	Paternus	Cabernet Shiraz	2020	87	B

Some interesting wines, however, some are more advanced than they should be. It would have been nice to see more wines with primary fruit characters varietal expression.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
7.4	77	Five O'Clock Somewhere	The 50S Project	GSM	2022	90	S
7.4	62	Grampians Estate	Woodclasses GST	Gren Shiraz Temp	2022	89	B
7.4	179	Cape Barren	Native Goose	Shiraz Grenache	2021	87	B
7.4	167	Schild Estate	Estate	GSM	2019	90	S
7.4	125	Sieber Wines	GSM	Grenache Shiraz Mataro	2022	84	NA

A couple of silvers and bronzes. Some pleasant wines but nothing exceptional.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
7.6	78	A.C. BYRNE & CO.	A.C. BYRNE & CO. SHIRAZ ORGANIC	Shiraz	2022	87	B
7.6	254	A.C. BYRNE & CO.	A.C. BYRNE & CO. SHIRAZ ORGANIC	Shiraz	2023	90	S

Both enjoyable wines with the second being fresher and more aromatic. Lovely fine tannin that coats the mouth.

Category Eight – Red Wine – Full Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
8.1	301	Harcourt Valley Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	2023	83	NA
8.1	320	Millon Wines	Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2021	90	S
8.1	205	Reschke	Reserve	Cabernet Sauvignon	2022	89	B
8.1	57	Allegiance Wines	The Artisan Reserve Coonawarra	Cabernet Sauvignon	2022	84	NA
8.1	94	Allegiance Wines	Unity Coonawarra	Cabernet Sauvignon	2022	88	B
8.1	6	Allegiance Wines	Unity Margaret River	Cabernet Sauvignon	2023	89	B
8.1	97	Allegiance Wines	The Artisan Coonawarra	Cabernet Sauvignon	2023	86	B
8.1	105	Allegiance Wines	The Foreman Coonawarra	Cabernet Sauvignon	2023	86	B
8.1	12	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label	Cabernet Sauvignon	2022	86	B
8.1	67	Burk Salter Wines	Burk Salter Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	2022	82	NA
8.1	104	Burk Salter Wines	Moorunde Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	2022	81	NA
8.1	185	Cape Barren	Native Goose	Cabernet Sauvignon	2020	92	S
8.1	243	DBWS	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cab Sauv	2024	86	B
8.1	214	Deen De Bortoli	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cab Sauv	2019	86	B
8.1	64	Night Harvest	John George	Cabernet Sauvignon	2021	87	B
8.1	288	PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	P SERIES	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	2019	82	NA
8.1	236	PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	TWO BLOCKS	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	2019	83	NA
8.1	289	PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	HOME BLOCK	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	2019	84	NA
8.1	287	PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	GRANDE RESERVE	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	2015	86	B
8.1	173	Reschke	Vitulus	Cabernet Sauvignon	2020	93	S
8.1	157	Reschke	Rufus the Bull	Cabernet Sauvignon	2021	96	TG
8.1	168	Schild Estate	Lorraine Schild	Cabernet Sauvignon	2021	84	NA
8.1	113	Schild Estate	Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon	2021	93	S
8.1	138	Schoolhouse	Schoolhouse	Cabernet Sauvignon	2020	83	NA
8.1	186	Schoolhouse	Block C1	Cabernet	2020	84	NA
8.1	281	Schoolhouse	Headmaster	Cabernet Sauvignon	2020	95	G
8.1	128	Seabrook Wines	The Founder	Cabernet Sauvignon	2020	91	S
8.1	59	WALTER WINES	FEDERATION HILL	Cabernet	2022	89	B

Some well made wines being awarded medals. Top wines were awarded for their balance of fruit tannin and use of oak. Quite a few well made commercial wines, albeit lacking complexity and fruit depth to take them to a high medal. Winemakers encouraged again to watch the over use of oak, as it masks the fruit and dries out the palette.

Category Eight – Red Wine – Full Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
8.2	271	Reschke	R-Series	Merlot	2024	86	B
8.2	120	TOBIN WINES	ADRIAN RESERVE MERLOT	MERLOT	2022	86	B
8.2	228	DBWS	Merlot	Merlot	2023	86	B
8.2	139	Reschke	Bull Trader	Merlot	2022	90	S
8.2	299	Reschke	Reschke	Merlot	2022	91	S
8.2	115	Schild Estate	Estate	Merlot	2020	84	NA
8.2	108	Schoolhouse	Block D1	Merlot	2019	95	TG

A class which can turn on some real beauties. Some lovely younger examples, but, age has no barrier when it came down to a standout entry.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
8.3	263	Choosy Beggars	Choosy Beggars Cabernet Merlot 750mL	Cabernet Merlot	2021	84	NA
8.3	230	Cookoothama		Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot	2023	86	B
8.3	284	Sacred Hill	Cabernet Merlot	Cab Sauv/Merlot	2022	88	B

Some good examples of fine, well made, commercial reds.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
8.4	242	Moffatdale Ridge	Tre Sante	Shiraz, Cabernet Sauv Merlot	2022	86	B
8.4	279	Deen De Bortoli	Master Blend	Shiraz/Durif/Cab Sauv	2019	86	B
8.4	276	Nugan Estate	La Brutta, Zinfandel Petite Shiraz	Zinfandel / Petite Shiraz	2021	87	B
8.4	296	Rutherglen Estate	Burgoyne's Block	Mouvedre/Grenache/ Shiraz	2022	88	B
8.4	126	Seabrook Wines	Lineage	Cabernet Malbec	2021	95	TG

Small class with great results. Quality was high with fruit being a primary focus in these wines.

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Category Eight – Red Wine – Full Bodied

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
8.5	76	Berton Vineyards	Metal Label	Durif	2021	93	S
8.5	250	Deen De Bortoli	Durif	Durif	2021	89	B
8.5	171	Dem Bones	T-Bone	Malbec	2022	88	B
8.5	84	Ridgemill Estate	WYP Saperavi	Saperavi	2022	89	B
8.5	278	Rutherglen Estate	Sangiovese	Sangiovese	2022	84	NA
8.5	17	THE VENTURER SERIES	THE VENTURER SERIES DURIF	DURIF	2021	91	S
8.5	150	Toorak Wines	Toorak Road	Durif	2022	80	NA

Diverse styles of winemaking were awarded in this class encouraging signs for these varieties.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
8.6	316	Millon Wines	The Impressionist	Tempranillo	2022	90	S
8.6	223	Rutherglen Estate	Tempranillo	Tempranillo	2023	90	S
8.6	275	Woodfired	Tempranillo	Tempranillo	2021	89	B

There great examples of hon Tempranillo can be expressed. Exciting to judge this very small class.



Category Nine – Dessert Wines

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
9.1	210	Cookoothama	Botrytis	Semillon	2023	93	S
9.1	220	Deen De Bortoli	Botrytis Semillon	Semillon	2020	86	B

The Top Wine was a great example of Bortytis. A complex nose with good viscosity. A little more complexity on the palette would have pushed it to a Gold.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
9.2	26	SOUTH POINT ESTATE	SOUTH POINT ESTATE PINK MOSCATO	Pink Moscato	2023	87	B
9.2	19	SOUTH POINT ESTATE	SOUTH POINT ESTATE MOSCATO	Moscato	2023	85	NA
9.2	251	Sacred Hill	Traminer Riesling	Tramier/Riesling	2023	84	NA
9.2	252	Sacred Hill	Moscato	White Fronti/Gordo	2023	90	S

A fun and lively class. The Top Wine showed good balance and frizzante. Perfect for a sunny day in Cairns.



Category Ten – Fortified Wines

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
10.2	218	De Bortoli	Eight Year Old Fine Tawny	Non-Varietal	NV	96	TG

A delicious Tawny, super complex both on the nose and the palette. Gorgeous viscosity and length and persistence.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
10.4	245	Moffatdale Ridge	Late Harvest Frontignac	Frontignac, Muscat	NV	91	S
10.4	221	De Bortoli	Show Liqueur Muscat	Red Frontignac	NV	95	G
10.4	225	Rutherglen Estate	Classic Muscat	Muscat Petit Grains	NV	87	B
10.4	38	Tynan Wines	Vintage Liqueur Muscat	Muscat	2021	83	NA

A reasonably solid class. The best Muscat was intense and aromatic with great viscosity and a nutty finish.

CAT	BOTTLE NO	WINERY	NAME OF WINE	WINE VARIETY	VINTAGE	JUDGING SCORE	MEDAL
10.6	215	De Bortoli	Black Noble	Semillon	NV	92	S

A well scored Fortified with a complex nose and palette. Enjoyed by all on the Panel.

Category Eleven – Wines of Provenance

No entries were received for Category Eleven – Wines of Provenance. The Wine of Provenance Award is bestowed not on a single vintage of wine, but on three, with a suitable gap between vintages, demonstrating a capacity to age well. We encourage wineries to enter their Wines of Provenance in 2025.

Chair of Show Comments on 2024 Wine Quality



Andrew Corrigan MW highlighted the strong quality of wines in 2024, noting a resurgence in styles popular in warmer northern Australia. He emphasized the growing popularity of fresh dry whites, rosé, and lighter whites among younger consumers.

Corrigan praised the impressive Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, and rosé entries in Cairns, along with excellent Riesling, Semillon, and Vermentino. In the reds, Pinot Noir was a standout, with notable Merlot, Tempranillo, and Cabernet Sauvignon entries. The Shiraz class showcased diverse styles, and the sparkling wines were excellent, including an award-winning Prosecco style.

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